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the Association special sub-committees to study and report on special problems; and

that the said committee hold not less than two interim meetings, called by the Chairman of the Executive Committee, and that they be authorized to incur such incidental expenses as are necessary in connection therewith.

2. **Constitution and By-laws**

Whereas it is indicated that the constitution and by-laws of the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners should be studied and consideration given to desirable amendments to bring them up to date;

Therefore be it resolved that the President of the Association appoint a special committee to review the constitution and by-laws with a view to any desirable amendments; and that said special committee report their findings to the Executive Committee, the Executive Committee in turn to submit same for study to the membership in advance of the next annual meeting, so that any action that may be deemed desirable may be taken at that time.

3. **Special Committees in Congress**

Whereas the value and need of special committees in the Congress of the United States on wildlife conservation have been clearly demonstrated;

And whereas through those committees it has been made possible for state wildlife administrations and other wildlife interests for the first time to gain anywhere near adequate attention for wildlife interests in the rapidly expanding programs of federal works, coordination of wildlife interests in federal agencies, cooperation between federal agencies and states, and the protection and preservation of these resources;

Therefore be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, in convention assembled at Saint Paul, Minnesota, this 10th day of September, 1946, urge the continuation in both houses of Congress of the special standing committees on wildlife conservation as separate and distinct committees; and

Be it further resolved that the states hereby pledge themselves to make every effort possible, individually and collectively, to prevent discontinuance of these special committees.

May I say by way of explanation that the committee considered suggestions that came from many sources that there be permanent standing committees on a parity with other regular standing committees in the two Houses of Congress. But we were informed by persons who were in close touch with the situation that there is little hope of any such recommendation receiving consideration, and that the only thing we can hope for at the present time is a continuation of special committees.

4. **Pittman-Robertson Funds**

Whereas there has been accumulated a large surplus of funds under the Pittman-Robertson Act;

And whereas these funds are earmarked for the purposes of the Act and cannot be otherwise utilized, and the majority of the states have expressed themselves as in a position to utilize additional Pittman-Robertson funds;

Therefore be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, in convention assembled at Saint Paul, Minnesota, this 10th day of September, 1946, go on record as favoring an appropriation of not less than \$5,000,000 a year until such time as the accumulated surplus is utilized; that subsequent thereto the full current receipts in this fund be made available each year, and that the member states pledge their active support in attempting to procure the release of these funds.

5. **Federal Aid Program for Anglers**

Whereas the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, by resolution adopted, has gone on record as favoring use of the Excise Tax on fishing tackle to finance a Federal-Aid Program, in cooperation with the several states, in fish restoration and management work to benefit the anglers in the same manner as the Pittman-Robertson Federal-Aid Act of 1937 has benefited the hunters;